

The State of Washington



Proclamation

WHEREAS, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) reduces or eliminates taxes that low-income working people pay and, if the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed, a lump sum credit is paid to those who qualify; and

WHEREAS, 436,000 Washington residents received \$956 million in EITC refunds in 2016; and

WHEREAS, EITC refunds help lift an average of 164,000 Washingtonians, including 81,000 children, above the federal poverty level each year; and

WHEREAS, the EITC's total economic impact of about \$1.43 billion supports jobs in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, the EITC is one of the largest anti-poverty programs in the United States and EITC dollars have a significant impact on the lives of Washington's low-income working individuals and families that strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Washington individuals and families who are eligible for the EITC may not be aware of the tax credit, leaving more than \$270 million in federal tax credits unclaimed;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2017 as

Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day

in Washington, and I urge all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 21st day of December, 2016



Handwritten signature of Jay Inslee in blue ink.

Governor Jay Inslee